

AMENDED IN SENATE AUGUST 12, 2013

Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 60

Introduced by Senator Knight

July 8, 2013

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 60—Relative to the Lance Corporal Javier Olvera Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 60, as amended, Knight. Lance Corporal Javier Olvera Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 14 in the ~~County of Los Angeles~~ *City of Palmdale* as the Lance Corporal Javier Olvera Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Director of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

1 WHEREAS, Javier Olvera was born on September 24, 1988, in
2 the City of Sylmar, California, to Francisco and Martha Olvera;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Olvera attended R. Rex Parris High School in
5 the Antelope Valley, during which he participated and excelled in
6 the Police Explorer program. While watching military programs
7 on the History Channel, Mr. Olvera became interested in the United
8 States Marine Corps; and

9 WHEREAS, Hoping to take his life in a positive direction, in
10 2006 Mr. Olvera enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and

1 was sent to the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego,
2 California; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Olvera graduated from Marine Corps boot
4 camp with his platoon on February 23, 2007, the same day in
5 history that the United States Marines raised the American flag on
6 Mount Surabachi in 1945 during the Battle of Iwo Jima in World
7 War II; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Olvera was then sent to Camp Lejeune in North
9 Carolina for training as a 0311 Infantryman, where his specialty
10 was as a radio operator, a highly dangerous job, often targeted in
11 battle by the enemy; and

12 WHEREAS, On August 1, 2007, Mr. Olvera was promoted to
13 the rank of Lance Corporal; and

14 WHEREAS, In September 2007, Lance Corporal Olvera
15 deployed to Iraq, where he stayed until February 2008, when he
16 returned to the United States; and

17 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Olvera was again called to service
18 in May 2009, and subsequently deployed with 2nd Battalion, 8th
19 Marines with a contingent of 21,000 other Marines to Afghanistan;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, On August 8, 2009, Lance Corporal Olvera was
22 killed in action by an improvised explosive device (IED); and

23 WHEREAS, During Lance Corporal Olvera's three years of
24 service, he was a rising star in the ranks of the United States Marine
25 Corps, aiming to eventually attain the rank of Sergeant; and

26 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Olvera, who gave his life for the
27 ideals and values of our country, which he treasured deep inside
28 him, lived by the United States Marine Corps motto, "Semper
29 Fidelis," Latin for "Always Faithful"; and

30 WHEREAS, The death of Lance Corporal Olvera touched many
31 lives, and all who knew him will forever remember his honor,
32 courage, and commitment, and be reminded of the biblical
33 admonition that "No one has greater love than this, to lay down
34 one's life for one's friends"; now, therefore, be it

35 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
36 *thereof concurring, That the Legislature hereby designates the*
37 *portion of State Highway Route 14*~~*along Palmdale's Avenue P*~~
38 ~~*exit in the County of Los Angeles in the city of Palmdale from the*~~
39 *south junction of State Highway Route 14 and State Highway Route*

1 *138 to West Avenue 08* as the Lance Corporal Javier Olvera
2 Memorial Highway; and be it further

3 *Resolved*, That the Director of Transportation is requested to
4 determine the cost of appropriate signs consistent with the signing
5 requirements for the state highway system showing this special
6 designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources
7 sufficient to cover the cost, to erect those signs; and be it further

8 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
9 this resolution to the Director of Transportation and to the author
10 for appropriate distribution.

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